

# Rich Oil Fields Now in Operation Near Astoria

## Right at the Mouth of the Columbia River

That OIL and natural GAS have been discovered in paying quantities across the Columbia River from Astoria at Onieda, Washington, has been important enough to a number of well-known reliable parties to cause the organization of the Pacific Coast Gas & Oil Co., with a capital stock of \$300,000. This company has just placed a number of shares of stock on the market at the low price of \$50.00 per share. READ ON--

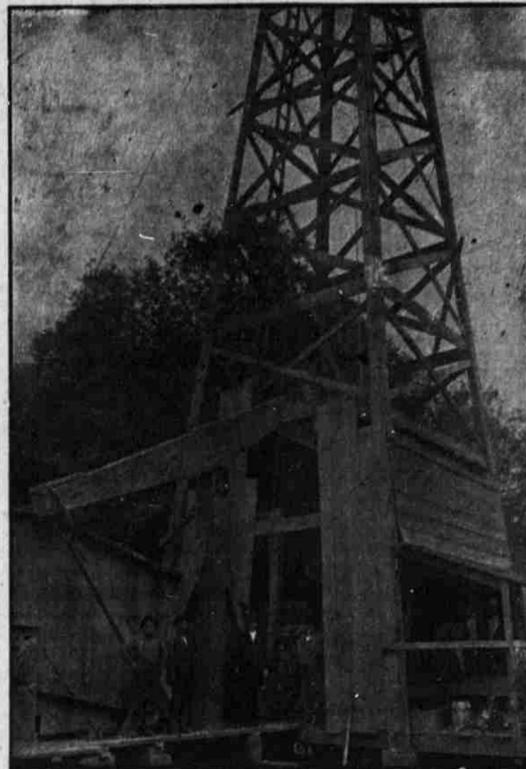
### What the Company Is

The Pacific Coast Gas & Oil Co. is composed of reliable business men of Oregon and Washington whose only purpose is to develop the property to the best of its ability and produce a paying mine of oil and gas that all who have purchased stock may share in its profits. The officers serve without salary and include among them some of the most reputable citizens of the State. To make the company strong on account of its brilliant future it has secured leases on over 6000 acres of land. It has obtained the highest expert authority on the geological formation of the land, employed the strongest expert workmen to operate the drilling apparatus and given such other evidence of good faith to warrant any man making an investment with them.

Alex Sweek, president, Portland.  
Clayton S. Barber, sec. and treas.  
R. A. Wade, vice-president.  
Directors—John Nelson, Oneida, Wash.; Geo. L. Hutchins, Portland; Wm. Anderson, Deep River, Wash.

The plant is now in constant operation. The drilling is being done under the supervision of two expert oil well operators. You can see them at work any day of the week at Oneida right opposite Astoria.

The picture opposite is a view of the derrick in actual operation.



If you have any doubt as to the stability of the company, or in the manner in which it is operating, before you make any investment visit the property any day and satisfy yourself. Oil and gas will be found in paying quantities. After the "strike" it will be too late to buy stock. Do it NOW.

### Stock for Sale

For Development Purposes

The per value of the stock is \$100 per share, but is now offered at one-half (\$50) and it is worth it. The company has already sold a limited amount of stock, equipped the property with the best working machinery in the world and it has plans for a great future. The money secured from the sale of stock will be to push the work. Every dollar will be used to prepare for the best interest of the company. As the drill goes down the stock will surely rise. The price it is now offered at will only be a short time. A good rule is to let opportunity in when it knocks at the door. For an investment there is nothing more tangible, brighter or more surer dividend paying than this stock, particularly at \$50 per share. Don't wait until it goes to par, but buy now. It is really a chance that comes seldom. Further particulars at the addresses given below.

# PACIFIC COAST GAS & OIL COMPANY

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## BROWN'S BIG SCHEME

Chicago Pitcher Says Ball Players Should Be Numbered.

INNOVATION MAY BE TRIED.

Three Fingers One Boosting Plan to Have Figures Designate Identity of Each Player on Team—Would Be of Great Help to Spectators.

"It will not be long, probably next year, when all ball players will wear numbers just like athletes in a track meet or jockeys on a race track," said Mordecai Brown, the Chicago Nationals' star twirler, recently.

The three fingered one was asked what he thought of such a scheme and said he had always encouraged it and would like to see a rule passed by the National baseball commission making it compulsory for every player to wear his number on his back, so that every man and woman in the grand stand could readily identify the player at bat or in the field or wherever he might be.

"I know it must be troublesome for the people in the grand stand to follow the players, especially visiting teams," continued Brown. "It would be so easy for a player to have his number made right in his suit, and the programme would carry the key."

"For instance, the programme could print the list of players on the team, beginning with Chance, 1; Kling, 2; Overall, 3, and so on down the list of names until every player had been numbered. When he came to bat his number on his back would furnish the key to the identification."

"What a swell mixup there would be at a track meet if the competitors were not numbered! How many persons in a grand stand would know the winner of a horse race if they were not guided by numbers? Then why should it not be just as important for baseball players to be identified?"

"An umpire gets up before a large crowd and says, 'Ladies and gentlemen, the batter for today are Humpty Doodlehump and Bowwowman for Boston and Humpty Doodlehump and Blng for Chicago.' How many persons in the grand stand are able to catch the name?"

"They tell me Umpire Silk O'Loughlin just spits out the name of the visiting batter without giving the crowd



DEL HOWARD, UTILITY OF THE CHICAGO NATIONALS.

[Another man has been added to the Chicago Nationals' already large hospital list. The latest one is Utility Man Del Howard. He fractured a small bone in his right hand while sliding to base in a recent game. At the time of injury Howard was leading the National league in batting with a percentage of .352.]

any warning, and not die in a thousand catches the names. By the time he announces the battery for the home team the crowd is quiet and there is a chance to catch the names, but most of the people know the home players, but cannot find out who the visiting batter is.

ted their numbers everybody would know the men in uniforms, and, besides, the club would sell more programmes. If one club ever starts the idea, all other teams will follow."

### BRESNAHAN'S BUSY BRAIN.

Famous Baseball Catcher Has His Inventive Genius Again at Work.

Catcher Roger Bresnahan of the New York Nationals has invented an accident proof catching glove. Roger is one of the greatest inventors of safety baseball devices in the world. He tries them on himself, but he isn't stingy. If any one else wants to use his ideas, they can—if they see him first.

Bresnahan received his first impulse along the rocky road of invention when he discovered that his shins were beginning to look like a pair of twin Swiss cheeses punched full of holes by being hit with the ball. To get rid of



ROGER BRESNAHAN, FAMOUS CATCHER OF THE NEW YORK NATIONALS.

the Swiss cheese Bresnahan tried various schemes, even going so far as to put glue on his shins and then apply a thick coating of feathers to form pads that would break the force of the down shoots when they landed.

At last he solved the difficulty by adopting the English cricket shin guards, the idea being that the ball would be fooled on seeing them and would naturally slow up. This has worked well up to date, but the younger generation of baseball players are growing wise. Roger is keeping up to the times in scientific research. He is now applying for a patent on a scheme that will make the catcher's job a sinecure—an automatic catching device that takes the sizzling ball hot from the pitcher, kills its speed and delivers it into the catcher's hands as tame as a duck.

### LOOK OUT FOR THE REDS.

Cincinnati Team Putting Up Championship Article of Ball.

The baseball populace of Cincinnati is in a fever of suspense. Are the Reds a team of second divisioners rushing along at a pennant winning pace or are they real ball players who have started their normal pace with a chance of keeping it up until the last game is decided? These are the questions the fans are asking. The bugs are enthusiastic, but are not permitting enthusiasm to rob them of their reason. They remember how year after year the Reds have galloped off with the leaders in the early part of the season, to drop like a deflated balloon when the pace began to tell.

Peculiarly enough, the man whom no one thought good enough to manage the team is the one who is keeping the team up in the race.

Ganzel has done for the Reds what no other manager ever did. He has converted them into a gingery aggregation. He set an example by playing a marvelous game in the field and hitting like a demon.

### RECTOR, THE SPEED MARVEL.

University of Virginia Runner Promising Men on Olympic Team.

No figure in the arena of amateur athletics today commands more attention than that of James A. Rector of the University of Virginia. Rector's sensational running in the 100 yard dashes this year stamps him as a possible world's champion. The former Lawrenceville boy has run "the hundred" consistently in 9 4-5 seconds. Once he did 9 3-5 on a dead still day, and once with half a gale behind him Rector came home in 9 2-5. In all these races the Virginia athlete was clocked by competent though not expert timers.

at the recent Olympic tryouts at Philadelphia Rector made good. He



JAMES A. RECTOR, SPEEDY SPRINTER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

failed to win the 100 meter dash, but he equaled the world's record of 10 4-5 seconds in winning the first heat and was second to Lawson Robertson in the final, after being set back a yard for a false start. He beat Nat Cartwell of Pennsylvania even with that handicap, and that proved his claim to greatness.

Rector is "set up" much on the style of Arthur Duffey, the real 9 3-5 sprinter. He stands a bit under five feet seven inches and tips the beam at 143 pounds. He resembles Duffey in action, too, with that same quiet, snappy leg action used by the Georgetown flier. Rector gets away like a flash of lightning and finishes just as fast.

McHale Goes to Toronto. The Boston club has lent Outfielder Jimmy McHale to the Toronto club.

Colin a Great Horse. Colin promises to be "the horse of the country" so far as the American turf is concerned. He is in a fair way to eclipse all records. Up to date he has won fourteen consecutive races and earned \$153,000. Colin has won both the Withers and Belmont stakes this year. The Withers, which is one of the American turf classics, was run from 1874 to 1880, inclusive, at Jerome park. After that the race was run at Morris park, first "over the hill" and later over what was known as the "Withers mile." It was decided for the first time at Belmont park in 1905, when Mr. Belmont's Blandy was the winner. In 1906 W. H. Brown's Accountant was successful, while last year J. L. McGinnis' Frank Gill was triumphant.

Boy's Life Saved. My little boy, four years old, had a severe attack of dysentery. We had two physicians; both of them gave him up. We then gave him Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea remedy which cured him and believe that saved his life.—William H. Strolling, Carbon Hill, Ala. There is no doubt but this remedy saves the lives of many children each year. Give it with castor oil according to the plain printed directions and a cure is certain. For sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

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